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BROWNLEE URGES ADVANCES FARM STORED GRAIN

Larger Initial Grain Payments Also Advocated

Recommends Write-off of Cost of New Granaries as Current Expense

SITUATION REVIEWED

Financing Problem for Many Farmers May Affect Municipalities and Business

WINNIPEG, Nov. 4th. — Increased initial payments by the Canadian Wheat Board; advances on farm stored grain, and the granting to farmers of permission, by the income tax department, to write off, as a current expense, the cost of building new granaries, were advocated by Hon. J. E. Brownlee, Q.C., LL.D., president and general manager of United Grain Growers, Ltd., in his report to the forty-eighth annual meeting of the company here today.

These measures were recommended as means of coping with the serious problem in financing operations on many western farms, due to the delay in delivery of the current crop.

Position of Western Farmers

"Public storage space for grain in Canada," said Mr. Brownlee, reporting in behalf of the Board of Directors, "is now occupied practically to capacity, and relief provided by additional construction must necessarily be limited. Western farmers will be able to deliver grain only as rapidly as existing stocks move into export or into domestic consumption. That will still be the case when the crop of 1954 is harvested.

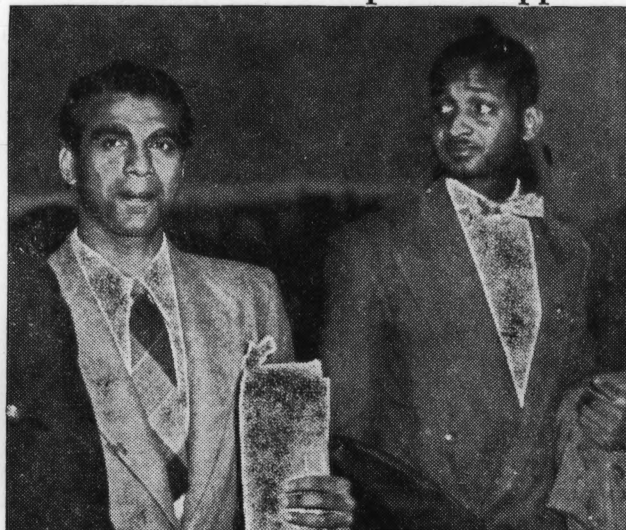
"Farmers, under the necessity of building new granaries, are able to finance the cost through the existing scheme for government guaranteed farm improvement loans. They might reasonably be allowed by the income tax department to write off the cost as a current expense.

Can Affect Business Adversely

"Delay in delivering the current crop creates a serious problem in financing operations on many western farms. Difficulties arise for local merchants accustomed to extend credit to farmers. There will be delay in paying municipal taxes. The general level of Canadian business can be adversely affected. Difficulties are increased because under the

New Export Wheat Pricing Method Described

Visit Britain in Hope of Support



Dr. Cheddi Jagan, leader of the People's Progressive Party of British Guiana, whose government was recently ousted by the governor of the colony, is seen above, left, in London, with Linden F. Burnham, his former minister of education. Purpose of the visit is to win support in Britain, where Jagan has asked that charges be laid against him. The governor announced he had evidence that violent action had been planned, in an effort to set up a Communist form of government. The Labor party in Parliament has asked for full information and discussion, but is otherwise uncommitted.

present system farmers receive on grain which they are able to deliver only limited initial payments from The Canadian Wheat Board. Corrective measures are called for.

"The Obvious Solution"

"The obvious solution is to increase the flow of funds to farmers through the Canadian Wheat Board, not only (Continued on Page 13)

Hedging IWA Class 2 Wheat Provided For

Change to Meet Wishes of Buyer and Seller, Ottawa Announces

BOARD PRESSING SALES

One Commissioner in Europe, One in Caribbean and One in Asia

By M. McDOUGALL, Press Gallery Leader Correspondent

OTTAWA, Nov. 4th. — The new method of pricing export wheat, recently announced, is of course of interest to all wheat growers in the prairie provinces, as they share equally according to grades in the total sales of wheat made by the Wheat Board. For this reason, while mention has already been made of the change in the dailies, it would not be out of place to refer to it here.

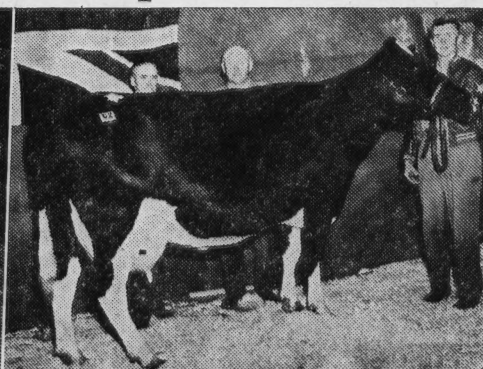
Reason for Change

It relates to export wheat sales under the International Wheat Agreement and to Class II wheat. The change has been made to meet the wishes of both buyers and sellers. It (Continued on Page 5)

Auction of Two World Champions Features Sale



Entry of two World Champion Holsteins for public auction (a rare occurrence) featured the All-Canadian Sale held at Toronto on October 19th. **Grahaven Milestone Mona**, left, brought \$2,600, the top price of the sale. Buyer was W. K. McLeod, Disraeli, Que. **Ourvilla Princess Phyllis**, right, brought \$1,975, going to Lockwood Holsteins, Forfar, Ont. **Mona** is World Champion junior two-year-old for 305 days, and **Phyllis** is World Champion junior three-year-old for 365 days. Both of the tests



were on twice-a-day milking.

With **Phyllis**, left to right, are T. H. Stone of Lockwood Holsteins, E. L. Sweet, Belmont, the consignor, and Glen Atkinson, Schomberg, at halter. With **Mona** are, left to right Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Graham, Erin, Ont., the consignors, Hermas Lajoie, Montreal, representing the buyer, and Real Pelland, herd superintendent for W. K. McLeod. Average for 56 Holsteins was \$794, top figure for Canada this year.

United Grain Growers Attain New Records

Pioneer Farmer-Owned Co-operative Now In Strongest Position in Its History

WINNIPEG, Man. — During its forty-seventh fiscal year which ended on July 31st last, new records were established by United Grain Growers Limited in volume of business and in earnings, while receipts of grain at country elevators and terminals also reached new high levels. The results of operations during the preceding fiscal year (which had broken all preceding records) were surpassed by substantial margins. The company has attained to the strongest position in its history.

These gratifying achievements were made known to the delegates attending the Annual Meeting of the company which opened here on Wednesday, November 4th, in the report which the President, Hon. J. E. Brownlee, Q.C., LL.D., presented in behalf of the Board of Directors.

Patronage Dividends \$975,000

Earnings for the year were \$2,357,372, after appropriating \$975,000 for patronage dividends and providing \$150,000 against inventory valuation.

Total revenue for the year was thus \$3,482,372, (which compares with a corresponding figure for the previous year of \$3,222,278, out of which \$950,000 was appropriated for patronage dividends). The regular dividend for the year of 5 per cent on the company's paid-up capital was provided to the amount of \$239,778. Addition to earned surplus was \$321,770.

Profit was \$648,548 carried to earned surplus against \$575,322 previous year.

The company's working capital was increased by some \$174,473 to a total

of \$6,636,540 — this increase being accomplished in spite of capital expenditures of \$1,500,000 for the improvement of its elevator system. Shareholders' equity in the company now consists of paid-up capital of \$4,795,570 and reserves and surplus of \$4,125,110, or a total of \$8,920,680.

Capital assets of the company, at cost, were brought to a total of \$20,588,028 by the capital expenditures made during the year. This represents an increase of \$8,142,956 during the six years since the company embarked on the program in 1947-48, most of the program's total expenditure being spent upon the enlargement and improvement of the elevator system.

Most Important Problem

Mr. Brownlee pointed out that the need for such work "has been and continues to be the most important problem" requiring the attention of the Board of Directors. Part of this expenditure represents additions to the number of country elevators, mainly in Saskatchewan. Much of the work was required to meet the need for improved machinery and increased storage space, which the increase in the rate at which farmers desire to deliver grain at harvest time has caused, as a result of the mechanization of agriculture. Further additions have been and are still required to handle the larger crops of recent years; while elevator companies face the further problem of replacing old elevators.

To some extent the continuing need has been met by increasing the company's paid-up capital and bonded indebtedness, "but for the most part," said the president, "this need has been met by plowing back into the business the annual earnings. . . . If the growing need for new construction is to be met, your Directors feel that this method of financing must be continued.

"Such reference to continuing expenditures must not be taken to mean that it is possible to continue indefinitely adding to storage space at local points, or that all requests for new annexes must be met.

Earning Power Only Justification

"The cost of new structures can only be justified in the light of their prospective earning power in future years. Your Directors in authorizing new construction have to bear in mind the inevitable years ahead of smaller crops and lower handlings. Under these conditions, unwise investment in construction will be penalized by difficulties in meeting operating costs and in repaying debt incurred."

Rates for Elevator Service

While operating and construction costs have greatly increased during recent years, rates for elevator service continue low, it was pointed out. "They have been kept so by regulation of the Board of Grain Commissioners, by contract with the Canadian Wheat Board, and also," said Mr. Brownlee, "by the natural reluctance of a farmer-owned company to make any increases not absolutely necessary.

"The large volume of handlings, combined with extensive use of storage facilities, has enabled your company to meet advancing costs with a very moderate scale of charges for its services. Readjustment of such charges can be deferred only so long as crop production in Western Canada continues at a high level."

Improve Country Elevator System

Capital expenditures upon improvement of the country elevator system totalled \$1,400,000 for the last fiscal year. Since 1948, quite apart from the purchase of additional country elevators in that year, such expenditures by the company have amounted to \$4,000,000.

Reports on Operations



HON. J. E. BROWNLEE, Q.C., LL.D.,
President and General Manager

The Company operates 621 country elevators in the prairie provinces, of which, as at July 31st last, those in Alberta and the Peace River Block of B.C. number 303, while in Saskatchewan there are 200 and in Manitoba 118.

Storage capacity of these elevators was supplemented by 559 annexes, as at the year-end, of which 223 are classified as permanent. Of the total 126 were added during the past five years, without taking into account the current construction program, which will add a considerable number. Associated with the country elevators also are 337 coal sheds, 307 warehouses and 390 dwellings for agents.

Terminal Elevators

Operated by the Company, the report showed, are the terminal elevator of 6,500,000 bushels capacity which it owns at Port Arthur, (a recent addition of 1,000,000 proving most useful in promoting the more rapid flow of grain both through country elevators and the terminal), and two terminals at Vancouver leased from the National Harbors Board, with a capacity of 4,300,000 bushels.

An all-time high was reached in the handlings of the Port Arthur terminal; but handlings at Vancouver were interrupted by fire in April, 1952, which put out of commission for eighteen months the terminal it has been operating there, while shipments through Vancouver were interrupted by a strike lasting 79 days of the employees at the principal elevators.

After the fire the Company leased another elevator from the Harbors

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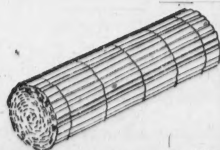
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UNITED GRAIN GROWERS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Ten Years' Progress

The following figures (as at July 31st) illustrate the progress of United Grain Growers Limited for the past ten years:

	1943	1948	1953
Number of shareholders	35,000	40,000	48,000
Paid-Up Capital	\$ 3,174,000	\$ 3,570,025	\$ 4,795,570
Reserve and Surplus	2,186,217	2,583,721	4,124,120
Total Shareholders' Equity	5,360,217	6,153,746	8,919,600
Value of Capital Assets at cost ..	11,721,076	14,658,693	20,588,028
Depreciation Reserves	5,924,126	7,813,916	9,927,432
Working Capital	2,053,491	2,900,333	6,636,540

TOTALS FOR TEN-YEAR PERIOD

Grain Handlings	581.3 millions
Appropriations for Capital Stock Dividends	\$1,905,000
Appropriations for Patronage Dividends	5,652,000

GROWTH OF ELEVATOR SYSTEM, 1942 TO 1953

Number of Country Elevators, 1942	446
1943	528
1953	621
Terminal Elevator Capacity, Port Arthur, 1943,	5,500,000 bushels
1953,	6,500,000 bushels
Terminal Elevator Capacity, Vancouver, (After start of new crop year) 1943,	2,700,000 bushels
1953,	3,700,000 bushels
Total Capacity, Country and Terminal Elevators 1943,	35,700,000 bushels
Total Capacity in Operation or Under Construction 1953-54,	50,000,000 bushels

Board, of smaller capacity, and as both elevators are in operation for the current year, it is expected that the company's handlings will show substantial increases on the previous one.

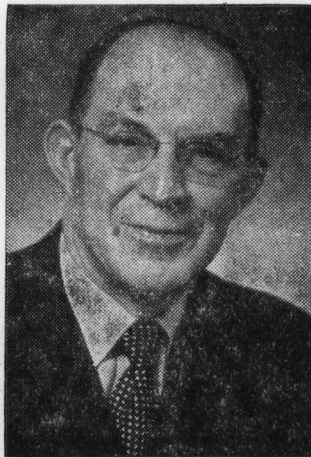
Pioneers in Supplies Co-operation

Reporting on the year's operations of the Supplies Department, Mr. Brownlee said:

"It was your company which first enabled groups of farmers and local farm organizations to buy supplies co-operatively in carload quantities at wholesale prices. Later, it developed the highly efficient system of distribution which now prevails, under which such supplies are made available both at the Company's elevators and through various other agencies. This service is important to customers who make use of it; it also continues to be an important influence on prices at which various commodities are sold throughout the prairie provinces.

"The most important commodities handled are coal, binder twine and

Western Manager U.G.G.



GEORGE EDWORTHY

2,4-D preparations. The Company does a substantial share of the total farm business in these, greater than its share in the total volume of grain handlings. Users of twine have reason to be gratified because of a substantial decline in prices from high levels formerly prevailing," it was stated. "Still lower prices," Mr. Brownlee stated, "may reasonably be looked for next year."

The U.G.G. continues to be one of the largest retail distributors of coal in western Canada.

Pride in Spraying Material

As the use of 2,4-D for the control of weeds has grown, the volume of the Company's sales have increased proportionately. It took pride in the spraying material offered to buyers, the manufacturers being among leaders in their field. Satisfaction was also expressed in declining prices, which have made spraying an economical method of weed control wherever weather conditions at the appropriate time are suitable.

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GOVERNMENT SHOULD ACT NOW

Mr. Howe intimated in an address to the annual meeting of Manitoba Pool Elevators last week that, although he is not at present persuaded of the desirability of loans or advances, on farm-stored grain, through government agency, the various representations that have been made to the government are to receive its careful consideration.

The situation, as the farmers' organizations, business interests in general and municipal authorities of the west are fully persuaded, warrants consideration and action at the earliest possible date.

A strong case for "corrective measures" to deal with "the serious problem in financing on many western farms" was presented by Mr. Brownlee in his report to the annual meeting of United Grain Growers in Winnipeg.

He suggested, in the first place, that farmers who are under the necessity of building new granaries (which can be financed through Farm Improvement Loans), "might reasonably be allowed by the income tax department to write off the cost as a current expense."

He recommended further that the flow of funds to farmers through the Canadian Wheat Board be increased by larger initial payments and by a system of advances on farm stored grain, which may be made possible by amendment of existing law.

PIONEER COMPANY HAS RECORD YEAR

As it enters upon its forty-eighth year of operations, United Grain Growers, Limited, pioneer farmer-owned co-operative of western Canada, has attained to the strongest position in its history. Reports presented to the annual meeting of delegates in Winnipeg last week, representing a membership of forty-eight thousand, indicate that in volume of business and earnings the previous year's record has been surpassed by substantial margins.

The program of enlargement and improvement of its elevator system, commenced some years ago, has been continued. The number of country elevators has been extended, and the capacity of the terminal elevators operated by the company has reached a new high.

The report presented by the president, Mr. Brownlee, for the Board of Directors, contains, in addition to a thorough accounting of the company's business, valuable surveys of the grain situation and of the position of the International Wheat Agreement.

CANADA'S WORLD POSITION

Mr. Brownlee concludes his report for the Board with a brief reference to the position of Canada, and of Canadian agriculture, in the international scene.

"The people of Canada," he says, "are among the fortunate of the world. That is not altogether due to their own efforts. It depends largely upon a wealth of natural resources. Among the greatest of these is the agricultural land of the prairie provinces, the productive power of which has again been amply shown in 1953.

"The good fortune of Canada cannot long

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be enjoyed alone. Its realization depends upon spreading abroad the wealth the country produces, through the processes of international trade. (Such trade can be fully effective only in a peaceful and ordered world, and as those in other lands are able to enjoy a measure of prosperity. While these facts apply to the country as a whole they apply with especial force to the farming community of Western Canada whose production is primarily for export.

"Western farmers, therefore, have an international outlook. They have reason to note with satisfaction that progress, however slow, is being made in restoring health to the political and economic structure of the world."

HOPEFUL REALISM

Sir Winston Churchill has never flinched from facing harsh realities. The world's senior statesman, he is equipped with incomparable experience and knowledge—gained in peace and war—of the forces that move nations and their rulers. He has never failed to give warning when he believed that danger loomed. He has never yet been guilty of fatuous optimism.

So when Churchill sees an easing of international tensions, as his speech in the British House of Commons this week plainly shows he does, the peoples of the world may well find reason for encouragement.

"We can afford," he said, "if vigilance is not relaxed, and strength not suffered again to dwindle, to await developments in a hopeful and, I trust helpful mood.

"The only sure guide to the actions of mighty nations and powerful governments is a correct estimate of what are, and what they consider to be, their own interests."

Applying the test, Sir Winston did not find it "unreasonable or dangerous to conclude that internal prosperity, rather than external conquest, is not only the deep desire of the Russian peoples, but also the long interest of their rulers."

The British Prime Minister warned that it would be foolish to expect settlement "straightaway", of "all the cruel problems" that exist "in the East as well as in the West;" but he did "feel justified in feeling that . . . the probabilities of another war have diminished, or at least become more remote."

In other days of crisis, Sir Winston's words, more than once, have created a climate of feeling and opinion and understanding in which problems of our modern world might fruitfully be considered — and dealt with. It will be the hope of many people in many lands that his speech in the British parliament this week may prove equally fruitful.

Alberta Young Farm People Attend Leadership Course

By RONALD POLLOCK, Hubalta

BANFF, Alta. — Forty young farm men and women from all parts of Alberta are gathered at the Banff School of Fine Arts. Amid the splendor of the Canadian Rockies these young people are participating in the fourth annual Rural Leadership Course, continuing until November 7th.

Intensive Training

Coming from points as widely separated as Beaverlodge and Fairview in the Peace River country to Cardston in the south, these selected students have come together for two weeks of intensive training in leadership techniques and other related subjects. Their nomination to attend the course was on the basis of their activities within their own communities.

Challenging Note

The sessions at Banff opened on an inspirational and challenging note in the official welcome by Donald Cameron, Director of the University of Alberta's Extension Services. Mr. Cameron's message was followed by an outline of the aims and objectives of the course by S. O. Hillerud, Agricultural Secretary.

These speakers gave the students a good deal of food for thought, particularly stressing the need for improved rural leadership, and outlining the responsibilities which fall on those with leadership ability.

Furthermore, the students found themselves in a receptive mood for the first lecture of a series, by Donald Grant, of the University of London, lecturer and world traveller, on "The World and Your Community".

Wide Range of Topics

During the course the group is discussing practically every topic related to rural leadership, including the various farm organizations, the structure and effective use of discussion groups, news writing, public speaking, program planning, the techniques of meetings and formation of committees, and the organization of recreational activities.

Students are actively planning and participating in the work and learning by doing. Those attending have been divided into four groups, each group being responsible in turn for carrying out the duties of the day. These include chairmanship of the various lecture sessions, introduction of speakers, and the planning of a short recreational program each evening.

At the end of two weeks it is not expected that these young people will have the answers to all the problems they might have to face, but rather a sound background of knowledge and ideas in order that they may more effectively contribute to the progress of their respective communities as they continue to take their place in Alberta's rural life.

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brings in a method of "hedging" of possible price changes for a time after the order is booked by the board.

The booking of an order is, of course, a sale, but the price may remain open. Sales hereafter may be on the system that has been in operation, that is with the price set definitely on the day the sale is made, or with price deferred.

The exporter at any time prior to the time the vessel arrives for the wheat may ask for the price and the Board's price for that day will be named; but if he doesn't ask for a price before he "calls" for his wheat from the Board, the "accounting"

price will be named on that day. A substantial part of the wheat price will then be paid by the exporter. Then, seven days after the call day in the East and 15 days after loading on the West Coast, or any day in between, the final price will be set.

Oats Pool Figures

The 1952-53 oats pool has finished its accounting, and there is now \$10,949,996.58 remaining for distribution to producers. Deliveries in the season amounted to just under 119 million bushels. The initial payment made has been 62 cents and there is a further 9.2 cents to be distributed, beginning on November 3rd, making a total of slightly over 71 cents. Last year the initial payment was 62 cents, which with final payment of 13 cents made a total of 80 cents.

The interim payments on wheat will be completed by November 2nd. After the distribution of the final payment on oats beginning November 3rd, the Board will make its final payment on barley.

The present sales of wheat and prospects for the future are of course of immediate interest to the Canadian farmer, as indeed to all Canadians. In addition, there is interest in the storing and transportation problems.

Situation re British Market

In relation to the market in Great Britain, as explained by Mr. Howe, minister of trade and commerce, at the recent meeting of the Manitoba Pool, the United Kingdom is the principal market, that is, the largest market for Canadian wheat and flour in the world. The business of buying wheat and wheat flour is now in the hands of the private trade in Britain. There is no longer the bulk purchases of wheat, but rather day to day buying for the individual mills. Further than this, the stocks held by the government are being turned over to the private trade.

For the time being purchases from the outside are low. Just because Britain has not yet signed the International Wheat Agreement is no reason for supposing that Canada's sales to Britain will suffer in the long run. The Canadian Wheat Board is carrying on its negotiations everywhere in the world on a competitive level, and Canadian wheat is moving into Britain, which has been and it is hoped will be Canada's biggest market.

Wheat Board on Job

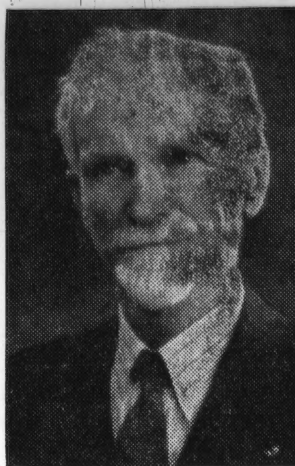
The Canadian Wheat Board is on the job pressing sales throughout the world, with one commissioner from the Board now in Europe, another going after the new year to Asia (a growing market and one to be fostered) another official in the Caribbean, and all fifty trade commission offices carrying on the good work.

There is no reason to view with any alarm the prospects of selling grain, although at the same time it would be well to keep in mind the size of the crops of the past three years. Certainly stocks are high and elevators are congested.

There are facilities in elevator, railway, inland waterway and ports for 350 million bushels, while the average over the past three years has been 600 million bushels. Oats and barley crops have also been high.

It is extremely doubtful if anywhere in the world, however, there is a better and more effective agency for the disposal and handling of the products of the field than in Canada.

Receives Award



Pioneer agriculturist who has made notable contributions to the advancement of the primary industry economically and the improvement of livestock, Daniel Harcourt Galbraith, Bowness, (above) has been awarded

More Creamery Butter

OTTAWA, Ont. — The volume of creamery butter made in Canada in the first nine months of this year was 9 per cent greater than for the same period in 1952.

Radio Beam to Locate Whales

LONDON, Eng. — A radio beam device used by the Royal Navy during World War II to detect enemy submarines is to be used in the Arctic this winter to locate whales.

a Coronation Medal by the Queen. The award will have the hearty approval of all Albertans. Despite many years of blindness, Mr. Galbraith has continued to provide guidance and inspiration in his chosen fields of endeavor. He served in the Alberta Legislature from 1921 to 1930 as U.F.A. member for Nanton. Born at Orangeville, Ont., in 1879, he graduated from the O.A.C., Guelph, taking up virgin prairie at Nanton in 1903. He brought the first flock of Southdown sheep into Alberta, and has also been a breeder of purebred horses, cattle and swine.

FACTS ABOUT CANADA'S GRAIN SITUATION

Farm people should understand what has happened in the prairie provinces to cause the present grain congestion in country and terminal elevators.

In the first place wheat production in this area in the past three years totalled 1,757,000,000 bushels. That was an average of 585,000,000 bushels a year compared with the long-time average of 375,000,000 bushels for the prairie provinces. The increase in wheat production was about 56 per cent.

Production of wheat, oats and barley has averaged 1,200,000,000 bushels a year for the three seasons from 1951 to 1953 inclusive. This enormous production was not brought about by increased acreages. The wheat acreage this year is only one million acres more than the figure of 24 years ago. Almost ideal weather, except for hail, was the reason for the massive production.

Never before in the history of the prairie provinces have three such huge grain crops been produced in successive years.

The Wheat Board has been selling grain at record figures. Total exports of wheat, oats and barley last crop year reached 582,000,000 bushels. Export of these grains the previous year was only 15 per cent below that figure. Wheat exports in the 1952-53 crop year totalled 385.9 million bushels and in 1951-52 355.8 million bushels.

Western wheat growers through the Wheat Board accepted reasonable prices for their product. In the war years the domestic price was around 77 cents a bushel for 1 Northern at the terminal. Under the British-Canadian wheat agreement Great Britain bought over 640,000,000 bushels at prices ranging from \$1.55 to \$2.00 a bushel. Under the International Wheat Agreement, which expired July 31, 1953, the price was \$1.80 a bushel for four years.

Having been lenient in their price demands in past years of shortages western wheat growers expect a measure of price support now that the world surplus is re-appearing.

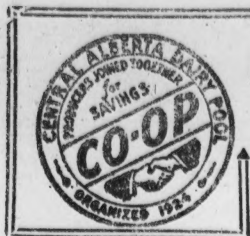
If war should break out at any time wheat would be a valuable commodity. In this troubled era the Canadian surplus should not be looked upon as a liability. Actually it is the most valuable insurance this nation possesses.

It is true that thousands of farmers are in a difficult financial position because the marketing quota of 3 bushels per cultivated acre is excessively low. The quota system was devised to give every farmer an equitable share of the available space. More elevators are plugged with grain now than ever before experienced at this time of year. Some 235,000,000 bushels are stored in western country elevators, 13,100,000 on the Pacific Coast, and 62,000,000 in Fort William-Port Arthur terminals.

The Wheat Board is selling freely to the utmost of its capabilities. There is certainly no holdup on sales. To permit prices to go to ruinous levels would not increase exports to any appreciable degree and might well bring a nation wide depression to Canada.

These facts are presented to provide readers with a better knowledge of the situation.

ALBERTA WHEAT POOL



Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section

SLOGAN FOR TODAY: "Test and Weigh and Keep the Cows That Pay"



NOVEMBER IS BUTTER MONTH

MONTH after month through the years this section has contained an abundance of advice to the producers covering the various phases of the feeding, handling and care of dairy products, all emphasizing the need for the production of high quality milk and cream on the farm, in order that the final product sold over the counter is as near to being perfect as is possible.

This has not all been in vain. Many of these suggestions have been taken up and are being applied to the dairy care of cows and the production and care of dairy products on the farm. This has all been to the good. The results indicate that this is so.

Another Important Phase

There is another phase, however, in the production of quality dairy products that is seldom mentioned but in itself just as important as the foregoing; just as necessary a part of the pro-

duction line and just as much responsible in the production of the final product, and that is the manufacture or processing of dairy products at various creameries and milk plants in the Dominion.

Since this month is "Butter Month" a better understanding of the butter phase of the dairy industry would, in our opinion, not be out of place, and would possibly enlighten some who are not familiar with its various aspects. Many readers do know, because they have called at their local creamery,

that the cream is weighed, graded and sampled when it is received.

Grading of Your Cream

The grading is done by a competent cream grader, who is licensed and holds his position at the discretion of the dairy branch of the department of agriculture. He is responsible for the careful selection and placing of the grade on the cream according to the "Cream Grading Regulations" as set out by the provincial government. He holds a very responsible position in the final production of top quality butter.

On this man depends almost entirely the final flavor or taste of the product going through the plant. After the cream is graded, it is pasteurized or heated to a temperature of 175 Fahrenheit degrees in a coil pasteurizer, and then cooled to the necessary temperature required for churning. This is varied according to locations and seasons of the year. Temperatures for churning are around 46 degrees above zero in the summer and 48 to 50 degrees above zero in the winter.

Held to Give Uniform Temperature

The cream is usually held overnight to ensure that the whole content of the pasteurizer is uniformly cooled to the desired temperatures when it is

pumped into the churn.

The cream breaks or comes to granules in the churn in approximately 45 minutes and the buttermilk is immediately drawn off. The butter is then thoroughly washed with clean cold water until all the buttermilk is removed. It is then necessary to drain the granules thoroughly through the gate in the churn, or by allowing the churn doors to be left barely a crack open so that any excess water may be removed. Salting is then done by adding it to the granules, and the butter is then worked in the churn by revolving it for a period long enough to thoroughly mix the salt and moisture into the granules to give a resultant fine textured, firm and desirable product. This work is all done by an experienced butter-maker who learned this trade as an understudy to the buttermaker preceding him.

Maintaining Natural Yellow Color

Since the cow is a natural warm weather animal and in its original habitat foraged on green grass and vegetation all the year round, the carotene, which is a natural constituent of grass, is imparted to the butterfat produced by the cow, giving it a light yellow color in its natural state. Light yellow being the natural color of butterfat and therefore of butter it is necessary only in the winter months to add small amounts of artificial vegetable coloring to butter in order to produce a product that is the same color the year round. This coloring has no harmful effect on butter and only produces a light color in butter in the winter time, when feed is dry and has lost its carotene content.

The moisture content of butter is carefully checked by the butter-maker and the legal content is strictly adhered to.

After the butter is completed it is packed in sanitary cartons and immediately placed in cold storage for holding until it is cut into prints.

For Consumers' Protection

The Federal Government butter graders require a box out of each churning for grading, and this is graded by them and final total score placed on it. All butter, when it is cut into prints, must go into a wrapper of accepted quality and on which is clearly stated the grade of the butter as originally graded by the butter inspector. This is the consumers' protection and guide to the grade of butter purchased.

In this whole process we have attempted to give the producer and consumer some idea of the care that is taken and process necessary to produce top quality butter, but there is also another important item that goes into its production and that is the equipment necessary to manufacture butter.

Always Bright and Sanitary

Almost all creameries now have all stainless steel equipment, such as cream pumps, creamlines, pasteurizers, and filters. These are kept bright and sanitary at all times. Hot steam and water is plentiful in creameries, and is used continuously for cleaning and sterilizing equipment. Recommended chlorine compounds are also used to ensure proper sanitation.

We have come a long way from the day that our ancestors churned cream (Continued on Page 7)

Your bread and Butter

BASIC IN CANADIAN MEALS: What can be more appetizing and nourishing than a slice of milk loaf (bread containing 6% milk powder) spread with First Grade Canadian Creamery butter! Through the centuries, bread and butter have been symbolic of the necessities of life. Wholesome and flavourful, bread and butter remain just as basic in our nutrition as ever. No meal is complete without bread and butter!

BASIC IN CANADIAN ECONOMY:

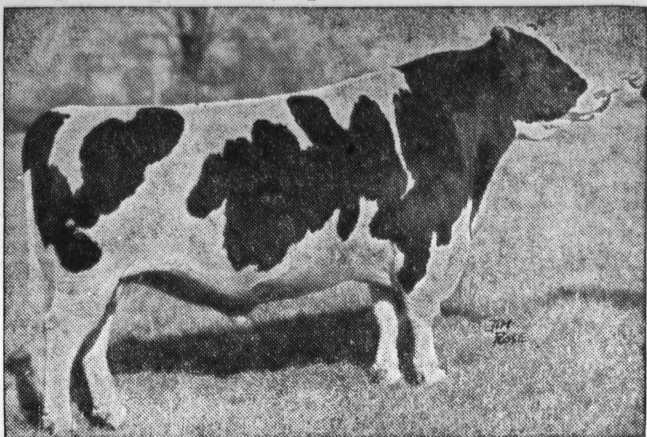
To 450,000 Dairy Farmers of Canada, butter and the other dairy products are their "bread and butter". So also to thousands of others engaged in the manufacture and distribution of these products. Every purchase of Canadian dairy foods is an economical contribution to the health and nourishment of your family. Every purchase, too, plays a part in the maintenance of this great industry.



**CENTRAL ALBERTA
DAIRY POOL**

CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

Chicago Grand Champion Is Canadian Bull



Grand Champion Holstein bull at the International Dairy Show at Chicago is shown above. He is **Rockwood Rocket Tone**, owned by the Quinte District Cattle Breeding Association, and he has been four times an all-Canadian winner and, for the past two years, Grand Champion at the Royal Winter Fair.

One of the most dramatic events in show ring history was the meeting between **Rocket** and **Smithland Supreme Champion**, undefeated All-American Aged Bull of the past two years. **Champion** was made Reserve Champion. **Rocket** was bred by Rockwood Holsteins, St. Norbert, Man.

in pigskins, and the motto in every dairy plant is cleanliness and sanitation to insure that the original properly graded cream is turned into a top quality butter that will meet all demands on it by the final critic at the dinner table, our necessary friend the consumer.

U.G.G. ANNUAL MEETING (Continued from Page 3)

ber of farmers in the area served, the report pointed out. "A high quality of product is rigorously maintained, and the formulas of different feeds are kept in accord with the latest scientific knowledge of animal and poultry nutrition."

The report dealt with the Com-

pany's subsidiary companies. Reference to the service made available by United Grain Growers Securities Company, Ltd., was made. "In view of large quantities of grain now stored on farms," it was stated, "it should be pointed out that fire insurance at low rates on such grain is obtainable." The Company handles hail insurance for farmer customers and automobile and accident insurance is also written for farmers to an important extent.

Value of "Guide" Stressed

Both printing and publishing departments of The Public Press, Ltd., maintained the record of many years in making a satisfactory net earning and reasonable return on capital — both showing better results than in the previous year. The report stressed the value of **The Country Guide** to its individual readers and to the whole farming community. Reaching 220,000 homes monthly — including most farm homes on the prairies—"it gives leadership to farm opinion and presents the problems and views of western agriculture in such a way as to be an effective influence in shaping public policy," it was pointed out.

Grants Made by U.G.G.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture (which is a member of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers), the Manitoba Federation of Agriculture and Co-operation and the Alberta Federation of Agriculture are farm bodies with which the Company is affiliated, while financial grants are made to the Farmers' Unions of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Contributions are made to junior farm clubs on the prairies.

The Company gives support to agricultural research at the three prairie universities, some of the work relating to rust, and is in addition to what is carried on by the Government of Canada through the Rust Research Laboratory at Winnipeg.

Suggests Apply to Rust Problem

Belief was expressed in Mr. Brownlee's report that certain funds now in the hands of the Canadian Wheat Board — proceeds of earlier crops which have remained unclaimed for a certain time by producers entitled to them — "could properly be applied to the rust problem. A recent amendment to the Wheat Board Act provides for the disposition of such funds, and this undoubtedly should be applied to the grain growing industry of western Canada," Mr. Brownlee said.

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WORLD CHRONICLE

Oct. 15th — Russia must have voice in Trieste settlement, declares Vishinsky.

Oct. 16th. — London reports Big Three foreign ministers stand firm on proposal to hand zone A of Trieste to Italy. London charges Israel with

"calculated attack" on three Jordan villages.

Oct. 17th. — After delays, 500 Chinese prisoners in Korea march peaceably to hear pleas that they return home.

Oct. 18th. — Big Three Foreign Ministers invite Yugoslavia and Italy to attend five-power Trieste conference. London reports U.S., Britain, France, will propose Korean peace conference be attended by themselves,

Russia and China (Peiping) and by north and south Korea. Israel will appeal to UN concerning Arab border raids.

Oct. 19th. — At Ottawa, western and maritime Provinces oppose C.P.R. argument that capital (on which profits are based) should include original land grants and gifts. Yugoslavia asks UN for chance to present views on Trieste.

Oct. 20th. — Adenauer says West Germany will try to regain independence by "other means" if EDC not soon ratified.

Oct. 21st. — U.S. cuts off economic aid to Israel; Washington states action designed to prevent Arab-Israeli war. Finance Minister Abbott reminds Canadian farmers they can borrow for farm storage under Farm Loan Improvements Act. In London, deposed British Guiana prime minister Jagan demands he be formally charged in court by Churchill government.

Oct. 22nd. — Polish and Czech delegates end three-day boycott of repatriation commission in Korea; made protest against refusal of commission to force North Koreans to give hearing to explanation teams. In last fiscal year U.S. received \$750 millions, interest and principal, from debtor nations. President of Canadian manufacturers, J. D. Ferguson, complains U.S. tariffs shut out imports of manufactured goods.

Oct. 23rd. — Moscow orders big increase in production of consumer goods. I.W.A. announces wheat exports to total over 421 million bushels annually during current, three-year period, of which Canada's allocation will be 163 million.

Oct. 25th. — Private U.S. investments in Canada total \$5 billions, stated in Washington.

Oct. 26th. — U.S. military leaders in NATO reported supporting Churchill plan for high-level talks with Moscow. Canada's Dana Wilgress named president General Agreement Tariffs and Trade (GATT) in Geneva. Gouzenko says he'd like to testify to McCarthy committee. At United Nations, Russia denies U.S. charges of extorting germ warfare confessions from U.S. fliers by torture. Americans have invested over \$1 billion in Canada since end of World War II, reports Ottawa,

Agricultural Exports Down Nearly a Third

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Agricultural exports from the U.S. in the year ending June 30th, 1953, were 31 per cent below those of the previous year — \$2.8 billions as compared with \$4 billions.

nearly half of it in oil.

Oct. 27th. — Moscow protests to Athens against establishing of U.S. bases in Greece. Second British atomic bomb exploded by Britain in Australia (first was October 16th). Dulles wants five-power conference on Trieste.

Oct. 28th. — U.S. Army says 6,113 American soldiers were probably victims of atrocities in Korea.

Oct. 29th. — British Parliamentary session ends; new session opens November 3rd.

Oct. 30th. — French upper house votes to delay setting up EDC army. Australia formally ratifies I.W.A. India, Pakistan, agree on exchange of prisoners taken in Kashmir fighting. Washington suggests official talks with Ottawa on dispute over Canadian air routes to Mexico; (U.S. has refused TVA stop-over at Tampa.) Nobel peace prizes go to Albert Schweitzer and Gen. Geo. C. Marshall.

Oct. 31st. — Tehran statement expresses pleasure at recent British offer to resume diplomatic relations. Toronto Star reports Gouzenko has spent about \$100,000 since his spy ring disclosures eight years ago, and that desire for more money "to live high" is behind his recent offer to testify to McCarthy's committee; says he's over-anxious to talk "and for money will say just about anything whether fact or not." North Koreans submit to interviews, at Panmunjom.

Nov. 1st. — In Hamburg state election, Adenauer bloc defeats Socialists.

Nov. 2nd — U.S. will stock atomic bombs in Spain, announced. At Panmunjom, Communists call off prisoner interviews, after Indians refuse use of loudspeakers. Pakistan assembly votes to establish republic; membership in Commonwealth continues.

Nov. 3rd. — Parliament opened in London; Churchill suggests Russians may now be more concerned with internal prosperity than with aggression, this being "not only the deep desire of the Russian peoples, but also the long interest of their rulers." UN steering committee recommends hearing on U.S. charges of Korean atrocities.



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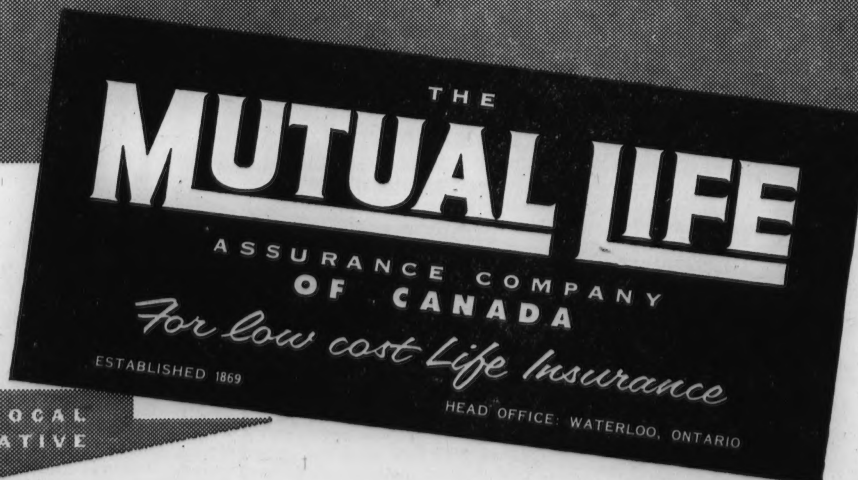


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And shed their glories 'neath the rushing blast;
While every breeze seems like a whispered moan
And ev'ry leaf a teardrop falling fast.
Now trees of France immortal colors show
To match the crimson of our Autumn glow.

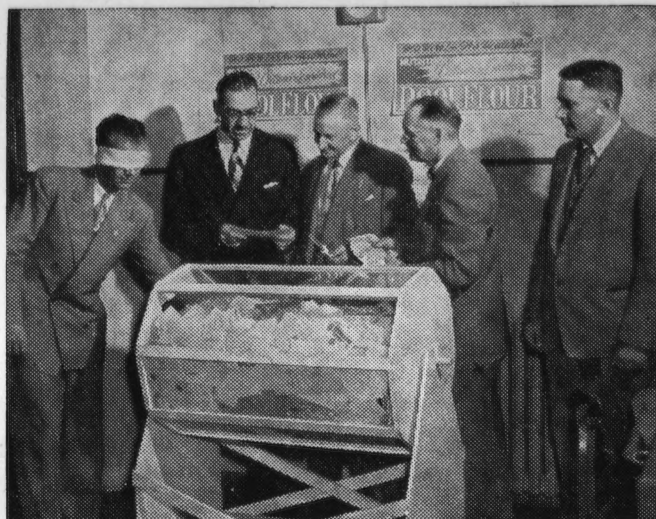
And if these colors touch our hearts with pride
Forgive us Lord, as we forgive our foes;
'Tis but our tribute to the men who died,
Like ling'ring mem'ries of a fragrant rose.
But in our pride there is no longer wrath,
We can forgive and tread a kindlier path.

Thou hast, we know, bestrewn the path of hate
With blossoms from immortal flow'rs of love,
Perchance that we, when we shall reach Thy gate
May bring them back to Thee in heav'n above.
Yea, we have learned that e'en an enemy
Must walk his Garden of Gethsemane.

Lord, there has sprung from dying years and strife,
Above the praise of victors spilling blood,
True glory in the nobler things of life,
And hearts at peace find joy in doing good.
Else had, O God, the carnage and the pain,
And all heroic sacrifice been vain.

—SYDNEY MAY

CO-OP FLOUR CONTEST WINNERS



Here's a Winner — The panel of judges checks an entry in the Co-op Flour contest in which a new Pontiac will be given as a grand prize in January. Meanwhile, winners in the preliminary contest for October get a \$50 cheque. These winning entries go back into the drum to be eligible for the grand award.

Alberta winners in the October contest were: Cecil McKenzie of Brownvale; Joe Kehler, Fairview; Peter Myrehaug, Sedgewick; Mrs. R. J. McCutcheon, Calvin.

Judges in the contest (left to right behind the barrel) were: C. S. Fisher, manager of the Pool Flour Mill, Saskatoon; George Urwin, president Inter-provincial Co-operatives Limited and Alex Gilliland of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool. R. Bates, right, of Bob's Grocery, Saskatoon, was the official witness.

Another contest will be held November 26 when two more cheques for \$50 will be awarded Alberta users of Co-op Flour. It is simple to enter the contest. Just fill in the entry blank available at your co-op store and submit it along with the correct answer to the contest puzzle and a guarantee certificate or a brand label from Co-op flour. You may send in as many entries as you wish.

Solve This Easy Puzzle

All you have to do is arrange the numbers 1-2-3 in the blank form so that the columns always come to the same total no matter how they are added — down, across or diagonally. To give you a start the two are already in their correct positions.

Wheat Pool Flour Puzzle Contest

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WHEAT AGREEMENT IS DISCUSSED IN BROWNLEE'S REPORT

WINNIPEG, Nov. 4th. — Important aspects of the International Wheat Agreement, and its possible future prospects, were surveyed by the president and general manager of United Grain Growers, Ltd., in the course of his report to delegates to the annual meeting of the Company here today.

Comparison With Old Agreement
"With the United Kingdom abstaining," said Mr. Brownlee, "the International Wheat Agreement was renewed for three years commencing August 1st, 1953. The new maximum price of \$2.05 per bushel, inclusive of all carrying charges, is in effect 19 cents per bushel above the old maximum of \$1.80, to which carrying charges up to 6 cents per bushel had been added. The new minimum price of \$1.55 per bushel is to be compared with a sliding scale under the old Agreement which began at \$1.50 and went down to \$1.20 in the final year. As prices were expressed in the equivalent of United States funds, there is some variation in Canadian funds due to fluctuating values of the Canadian dollar in international exchange.

"During the four-year term of the old agreement prices thereunder had remained at the maximum while wheat sold outside of the Agreement had commanded higher, and frequently much higher, prices. While exact calculation is impossible, it may be accepted that signatory importing countries had been able to buy Canadian wheat for considerably less than they would have had to pay without an Agreement.

Desired Renewal

"Nevertheless, the majority of western wheat producers undoubtedly desired to have the Agreement renewed, hoping to find therein a permanently satisfactory method of arriving at a price scale through international agreement, which in the long run might be advantageous both to producers and consumers of wheat.

"Your Directors therefore concurred in the President of the Company acting as one of the four official farm

advisers to the delegation which represented the Government of Canada. The long drawn out negotiations which resulted in the new agreement took place, first at London in 1952 and then in Washington in 1953. It should be recorded that all the advisers supported the stand taken by the Government of Canada throughout the negotiations and in signing the Agreement arrived at.

First Limited Criticism Disappears

"Although terms of the Agreement have been generally approved in Western Canada, there was at first limited criticism from some who felt that the maximum price might have been higher. That criticism has since disappeared in view of the large crops harvested in North America and the decline in market prices to levels somewhat below the maximum of the Wheat Agreement.

"In any event it would not have been possible to have obtained the adherence of importing countries at a higher maximum, just as it would have been impossible to obtain the adherence of the exporting countries at a lower level.

Contrasting Suggestions

"In contrast there have been some suggestions that the Canadian negotiators should have agreed to a lower maximum price in order to secure adherence to the Agreement by the United Kingdom. But there is no reason to believe that a concession of five cents a bushel in the maximum price would have brought the United Kingdom in; comment in the United Kingdom refers to reasons for remaining outside of the Agreement which are quite apart from the level of price.

"The maximum level of \$2.05 had been agreed upon by other signatory countries before there was any formal mention by negotiators for the United Kingdom of a \$2 level, and it was put on the record after negotiations had been actually concluded.

Doesn't Operate to Check Volume

"Absence of the United Kingdom from the Wheat Agreement does not operate in any way to check the volume of its wheat purchases from Canada.

"It is possible for the Agreement to operate satisfactorily for its three-year term in spite of the fact that its scope is greatly limited by the absence of the United Kingdom. But the situation makes the present Agreement much less important than its predecessor. Further, the value of the minimum price provision to the Cana-

dian wheat producer is limited, because the Canadian export quota has had to be reduced to make up for the absence of Canada's largest consumer for wheat.

"The Canadian quota under the new Agreement is 163,000,000 bushels, that of the United States 209,500,000, of Australia 48,000,000 and France 367,000 bushels. Under the old Agreement the Canadian quota was 235,000,000 bushels.

"If the present British attitude is continued it will put difficulties in the way of a further renewal of the Agreement in 1956. There will be additional difficulties if by that time the United States has lost interest in an International Wheat Agreement. That may come about if new policies governing the export of wheat, which are

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now under discussion, come to be adopted in that country.

"Further judgment of the value of the present International Wheat Agreement must await developments of the next two or three years."

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FARM WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Including News of The Farm Women's Union of Alberta

Dr. Sidney Smith on Schooling Versus Education

Comox, B.C.

Dear Farm Women:

Everyone, I suppose, has some little phrase or sentence with its bit of philosophy which he quotes very often. The same thought may be expressed in various ways, but one particular form catches and holds.

A Bit of Philosophy

Yesterday, for instance, I heard what to me was rather an arresting phrasing of a philosophy many of us have probably tried to incorporate into our lives:

"Yes," said the woman, "as I long ago heard,

"From the cradle to the hearse,

"Nothing so bad but it might be worse."

Quite true; though it is a most pernicious philosophy to incorporate into our personal life, into our acceptance of some phases of our social life, if it means a weak acceptance of what can be improved.

It is equally true, however, I think, that it is often in the minor things in our life we spend more time fussing and fuming about our misfortunes. Then it is that it is a most

worth-while attitude to take; it is something worth remembering, so I am passing it on to you.

A Thought-Provoking Address

I have just been reading an interesting address given by Dr. Sidney Smith, president of the University of Toronto, at the conference of the Canadian Education Association in Halifax. Perhaps some of you have already read it. If you have, I think there will have been many points with which you agreed; and also I am sure some to make you stop and think.

Dr. Smith's subject was "Schooling versus Education". Schooling he discussed as the "know-how", compared with the "know-why". Schooling, he said, can train a man and equip him to be competent in a special vocational field, although it fails to enable him to cope with situations for which neither experience nor schooling have prepared him.

Education is equipping the individual, said Dr. Smith, not merely to acquire information, but also to develop his own intellectual and moral training — equipping him to think.

Referring to "thinking", the speaker said honest, independent thought is an effort. Perhaps we didn't go to the length of agreeing entirely with the pithy saying: "Most people would die sooner than think for themselves, and most of them do."

"Traditionalist" and "Progressive"

One paragraph I thought very good indeed. After discussing the older conception of education for our schools and a more modern one held by some, Dr. Smith said: "One might ask the 'traditionalist', for example, whether the generation which he regards as so undisciplined has not advanced in the valuable qualities of tolerance, open-mindedness and self-reliance. One might ask the 'progressive' whether in his distrust of old beliefs he has not fostered a cult of 'presentism', a conceit of modernity, with beliefs no less dogmatic than those he derides — beliefs in the omnipotence of the test-tube and the omniscience of the statistical table."

Isn't there food for thought in that paragraph?

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

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"Miss World" — From Paris



Most of the countries of Europe, North America and North Africa took part in the beauty contest in London, England, in which Middle Denise Perrier (above) of Paris, France, was awarded the title "Miss World", and a \$1,400 prize. The Egyptian beauty, Marina Papaelia, who was placed third, thought the title should have gone to someone else. Middle Perrier "don't look so good in ze morning," says Miss Egypt.

FARM HOME & GARDEN

WE HANG OUR HEADS!

It should have been tbs. (tablespoons) instead of lbs. (pounds) in the Apple Butterscotch Pie recipe on page 10 of our last issue.

We're grateful to Miss Eileen Birch, U.F.A. Co-op secretary, and other Calgary women who phoned us very soon after receiving their copies — but just too late for us to make a correction. We appreciate also letters received from country subscribers. It's nice to know the column is read.

We're so sorry for this error. We can't so much blame the printers — nor the editorial proofreader — all mere men; but the three women proofreaders, all cooks, are hanging their heads. The recipe (corrected) is repeated below:

Butterscotch Apple Pie: Sprinkle ¼ cup brown sugar over the bottom of uncooked deep pie shell. Peel 6 to 8 apples, slice thinly, and fill pie shell. Cream 3 tbs. brown sugar with 2 tbs. butter and 3 tbs. flour, and crumble over apples; pour 1 cup milk over all and bake in hot oven until top is brown and apples are tender.

Rags: No matter how old and apparently useless are still worth keeping. In addition to the ordinary uses of patching, making over, making quilts, many classes of old clothing, etc., can of course be turned in to be exchanged for blankets; and you can send away a wide range of old materials to be processed and dyed and woven into new and durable rugs.

Brownies: Sift together ¾ cup all-purpose flour, 1 cup sugar, 7 tbs. cocoa, ½ tsp. baking powder, ¼ tsp. salt; add 2 unbeaten eggs, 1 tsp. vanilla, 1 tbs. corn syrup, and beat thoroughly. Finally stir in most of a cup of nut meats, spread in 8-inch pan, and sprinkle rest of nuts on top. Bake in moderate oven 40-45 minutes. Cool, and cut in squares.

Growing Bulbs Indoors: Use good soil from the vegetable garden, adding a little chemical fertilizer; place bulbs so that they show slightly above the soil level; water thoroughly. Place in a cool, dark place; keep the soil moist; when the shoots are over an inch high, bring them gradually into full light. Paper White Narcissi and Roman Hyacinths are said to be the easiest to grow.

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News of Women's Locals

Mrs. Dalton was hostess to Sydenham F.W.U.A. (Wainwright) recently.

Eclipse F.W.U.A. (Joffre) recently made plans for a meeting to be addressed by Mrs. C. R. Braithwaite.

Stony Plain F.W.U.A. are sending out four teams to canvass for memberships.

Innisfree F.W.U.A. cleared over \$66 by serving the W.I. Banquet, it was reported to a recent meeting.

Mrs. D. J. Wilson, Mrs. R. R. Empey and Mrs. Fred Empey are officers of Swallow F.W.U.A. for the 1953-54 season.

Donations of \$10 each were voted

recently to the Arthritic Society and the Salvation Army by Park Grove F.W.U.A. (Vegreville).

Ardrossan F.W.U.A. recently decided to present \$5 and an F.W.U.A. cook book to a burned-out family, and \$10 to the Arthritic Society.

A recent meeting of Crown F.W.U.A. (Ponoka) took the form of a Singer sewing machine attachment demonstration, at Morningside Hall.

Wild Rose F.W.U.A. (Carolside) elected a new slate of officers for the coming year: Miss Elsie Hansen, Miss Grace Givens and Mrs. Solberg.

Rosyth F.W.U.A. recently voted \$10 to the Building Fund. At the same meeting, Miss Shirley Holms, home economist, gave an interesting demonstration on "Serving Secrets".

Mrs. O. Harrold was guest speaker
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NEWS OF WOMEN'S LOCALS

(Continued from Page 11)
at a recent meeting of Edmonton F.W.U.A., her subject being the conference of the Associated Country Women of the World (A.C.W.W.), reports Mrs. D. Hughes, secretary.

Many articles for the November 25th bazaar were turned in at a recent meeting of Eastburg F.W.U.A. (Highridge). Mrs. A. Paquette gave a talk on the fluoridation of drinking water.

Durness F.W.U.A. (Lloydminster) decided to affiliate with the Canadian Association of Consumers, and to donate \$5 to the community chest, writes Mrs. R. L. Robertson, secretary. Plans were made at the same meeting for a bake sale.

Mrs. E. Hill, secretary of Sunnibend F.W.U.A. (Pibroch) reports a "lively meeting, with 19 of our 21 active members present." Plans were made for the annual chicken supper to be held November 6th, and for a shower for a newly married couple of the district. New curtains were bought and put up in the hall.

Mrs. Hugh Parry was hostess to the October meeting of Three Hills F.W.U.A., with Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Rollis assisting. Due to the postponement of the September meeting there were several bulletins to read and discuss, including a talk on Red Cross and a report of Mrs. Braithwaite's meeting in the Community Centre, when she gave an inspiring and most interesting talk on the A.C.W.W. conference.

Course for Co-op Employees

Arranged following conferences between officials of the Alberta Co-operative Wholesale, Alberta Co-operative Union, and staff of the University Extension Department, lectures and group discussions are held in the offices of the Wholesale in Edmonton, with 50 employees attending. An article by Norman F. Priestley dealing with the course and various aspects of education in co-operation will be published in our next issue.

Howe Says Not Settled

Minister of Commerce Howe told Manitoba Wheat Pool delegates last week that representations re loans or advances on farm stored grain will receive the government's careful con-

The Wheat Situation

By L. D. NESBITT
Superintendent of Publicity
Alberta Wheat Pool

Last August 1st, when the new crop year began, Canada's wheat carry-over was 362.7 million bushels. The new crop is estimated at 594.3 million. By adding the two together it will be seen that the total estimated supplies of wheat in Canada work out at 957 million bushels. It is possible that domestic disappearance may reach 157 million bushels — for seed, feed and human consumption. There is thus left a volume of 800 million bushels for export and carryover.

Tremendous Burden on Board

The foregoing gives the whole statistical position of wheat in Canada. It provides an idea of the tremendous burden that rests on the Wheat Board. In the past two years the Board has been exporting wheat at near record figures. Last year exports totalled 385.9 million bushels and in the previous year 355.8 million bushels. The long term average of Canadian wheat exports is 275 million bushels a year.

The long term average of wheat production in the prairie provinces is somewhat under 375 million bushels a year, but in the past three years the average has been 585 million bushels, an increase of 56 per cent over the long term figure. Elevator facilities in this country have had no difficulty in accommodating average crops in the past. If production had been normal in the past three years the Wheat Board would have had difficulty in finding enough grain to supply demands therefore.

The perusal of the above facts will make the situation plain to every thoughtful farmer. Farm people should understand that the Wheat Board is making every effort to dispose of grain delivered to it. At the present time, one of the commissioners of the Board is in Europe calling on customers and another commissioner will be leaving at the beginning of 1954 to visit Canada's large and growing markets in the Far East. An official of the Board is calling upon customers in the Caribbean area and in Central America. Canadian trade commissioners and 50 officers located in almost as many countries are continuing their day to day work of promoting grain exports.

Situation Creates Hardships

It is true that only too many farmers are unable to deliver enough grain to clear up debts and purchase needed requirements for their families. That situation creates hardships over a large part of the West. What alternative is there to offer? It is doubtful if the slashing of prices will expand sales to any appreciable extent. On the contrary, such a policy would bring down the price of coarse grains and possibly all other farm products. Real economic trouble would then be in the offing.

If the West had had a poor crop farm bins would not be bulging as is now the case. It is preferable to have a good crop and plenty of grain in the bins. It is reasonable to expect that in the end this grain would all be sold to the benefit of the producers thereof.

sideration; adding that he thought it would be in the best interests of all concerned if "we could avoid getting into the business of lending money on farm stored grain."

50/14 Ladies' Night

Readers of The Western Farm Leader who served in the 50th Battalion, C.E.F., in the first war or the 14th Calgary Tanks in the second, are invited to come with their ladies to a social evening arranged by the 50/14 Association in the sergeants' mess at the Calgary Armouries on Thursday, Nov. 19th, commencing at 8:30 p.m.

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, No. 4th.—Hogs sold yesterday \$29, sows \$15.50, good lambs \$19 to \$19.75, good ewes \$5 to \$6. Good to near choice butcher steers were \$17.25 to \$18.50, down to \$12 for common; heifers, \$15.50 to \$16.50, down to \$10; good cows \$8.75 to \$9.25, down to \$7.25; canners and cutters \$5 to \$7; good bulls \$9 to \$10, down to \$7.50 for common; good stocker and feeder steers \$15.50 to \$17, down to \$10.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Nov. 2nd.—Closing quotations for last week were: choice fed calves \$17 to \$18.50; choice steers \$17.50 to \$18.75, down to \$10 for common; good cows \$8 to \$9, down to \$6.25 for common; canners and cutters \$4 to \$6. Hogs sold at \$30 for Grade A.

The Dairy Market

Special cream, to producers, locally, is still bringing 63 cents; No. 1 is 61, No. 2 is 52, and off-grade 46. First-grade prints, wholesale, are 63.

Egg and Poultry Market

A drop in egg prices has brought A large, to producers, to 47, medium 42, small 35, peewees 20; B's are 35, C's 26. Dressed chicken, under 3 lbs., are: A 38, B 28, C 18; under 4 lbs., A, 33-35; B 25-29; C, 15-19; 4-5 lbs., are 35 down to 19; over 5, 38 down to 21. Dressed fowl, under 4 lbs., are 23 down to 11, 4-5 lbs., 26 down to 14; and over 5 lbs., 28 down to 16.

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A.F.A. Studies Crop Insurance

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary

THE need and desire for, and the practicability of a crop insurance plan for Alberta is a problem the A.F.A. is trying to solve. Farm organization annual meetings have bluntly asked for a crop insurance plan, but have not indicated what they expect or what they expect to pay for such protection.

The Federation, in attempting to assess the possibility of crop insurance, appointed a committee to make preliminary studies. The committee named includes L. E. Pharis, Magrath; Newton Gilbert, Drumheller; and Rulon Dahl, Raymond.

First Meeting Held

The first meeting of this committee was held in Calgary on Oct. 24th. In addition to the committee, O. S. Longman, deputy minister of agriculture, and Frank Allison, director of publicity for United Grain Growers, were present by invitation. Ben Plumer, chairman, Alberta Wheat Pool, and Henry Young, president of the Farmers' Union, were invited, but found it impossible to attend.

The committee did not attempt to recommend details as to the form a crop insurance program should take, but urged that information regarding the present U.S. program be made available to farmers and farm organizations for discussion.

The Federation has already taken steps in this direction. On November 23rd, the Farm Radio Forum program over CBC will discuss this topic, and information and questions for discussion are being widely distributed.

To Hear Well Informed Speaker

The A.F.A. annual meeting to be held in the Palliser Hotel, Calgary, on Dec. 15th, 16th and 17th, will hear J. Ray Mayberry from Great Falls, Montana. Mr. Mayberry has had a very wide experience with the operation of crop insurance since its adoption in the United States in 1938.

Before the committee takes further action it will await the results of publicity work and the opinion expressed at Forum meeting to be held this fall.

Farm Forum Work Shop — As a new venture, the Alberta Farm Forum committee organized a workshop which was held at the Banff School of Fine Arts, on Oct. 30th and 31st. This was held in conjunction with the Rural Leadership training course in progress at that time.

The meetings were chaired by Glenn Smiley, chairman of the Alberta Farm Forum committee. He was assisted by Miss Murial Bauer of Lacombe, committee member, and Jim McFall, Forum secretary.

A mock Forum program was staged

on the first evening with the Leadership students participating. This was a very interesting period.

Those taking part as guest speakers were Floyd Griesbach, National Farm Radio Forum Secretary, Roy C. Marler, President of the A.F.A., Sylvan Hillerud, University Department of Extension, and W. S. Scarth, United Grain Growers.

BROWNLEE

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by increased initial payments but also by a system of advances on farm stored grain. These can be safely authorized by the Government of Canada. It has available for security against possible loss a margin on grain already delivered by a producer.

"There is also grain on a farm which can come to market only through the Canadian Wheat Board. Indeed there is also grain yet to be grown, for a farmer who continues operations must deliver future crops to the Canadian Wheat Board.

Law Can Be Amended

"Under present legislation the government has no power to authorize such advances. But the law can be amended to provide for reasonable advances, especially during the early part of a crop year. Minor and incidental losses would probably occur under any scheme of advances. Insurance against these can be provided by a fund built up through interest charges.

"Your Board contemplates representations along these lines to the government at Ottawa through the Canadian Federation of Agriculture."

Reviewing the grain situation, Mr. Brownlee said that export sales this year will not dispose of all grain available for export, and "probably will not keep pace with the production of 1953. The carryover of grain, already large at July 31st last, will be still larger at the end of this crop year.

"Not Sufficient to Cause Alarm"

"But substantial exports have been made already, and such decline as has occurred in the export of wheat as compared with last year is not sufficient to cause either alarm for the current year or apprehension for the future. Special reasons account for some slowness during recent months in British buying. Reserve stocks, previously accumulated, have been drawn upon while commercial interests have been taking over the business of importing grain, previously in government hands.

"Large wheat stocks in Canada are due to a three-year succession of unusually large crops. They are not due to any expansion of Canadian wheat acreage. They are not due either to defects in selling policy or to lack of export demand during recent years. On the contrary export sales have been high.

"To the extent that world wheat stocks may be unduly high, that results from expanded wheat acreage in the United States. Such expansion was partly due to response to the patriotic appeal for increased war-time production; it arose also from the stimulus of market prices and a national policy of price support. These have given farmers there higher returns from wheat than received by Canadian wheat producers. It must be remembered that for a considerable period large wheat exports from the United States were quite necessary for the

feeding of the world.

"The Government of Canada, through the Canadian Wheat Board, has had complete responsibility for marketing Canadian wheat since it closed the market in September, 1943. It is quite wrong to suggest that a policy was followed of holding prices unduly high. On the contrary, at first because of a price ceiling and later on account of a contract with the United Kingdom and subsequently through the International Wheat Agreement, Canadian wheat was consistently exported at prices lower than otherwise might have prevailed.

No Cost to Taxpayer or Consumer

"It is equally wrong to suggest that during the past ten years Government intervention in wheat has been a source of expense to either the taxpayers or the consumers in Canada. The reverse has been the case.

"Wheat prices are not now unduly high in relation to the levels of past years and in light of advances during the past ten years in prices of all other goods and commodities. It is true that the world supply of wheat for export has largely increased during recent years. But that fact has been adequately reflected in a decline of export prices, not covered by Agreement, from \$3.40 in December, 1947, and \$2.40 during a large part of 1948, to levels now prevailing.

Might Have Brought Greater Decline

"It may be accepted that during the past few months the supply and demand situation respecting Canadian wheat might well have brought about a price decline greater than has occurred if completely open market conditions had prevailed. No doubt that would have called for and justified Government intervention if complete control of wheat by the Government of Canada had not been established, as it was established ten years ago. The present situation gives no occasion for complaint on the part of customers abroad nor undue concern by the people of Canada generally."

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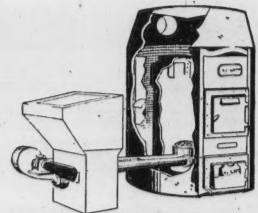
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MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

Now that those Doukhobor parades seem to be ended, isn't it a case of "No nudes is good nudes"?

According to the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest, too many men know a good thing the minute the other fellow sees it.

THIS IS TERRIBLE

Chuck of Chuckawalla: Some of our M.P.'s are certainly acting foolishly.

Knotty Frankie: Aw, g'wan! Maybe they aren't acting.

—Thenx to L.S.T., Vancouver.

What this country needs, declares Fern of Fernie, is old age pensions adequate enough to enable our senior citizens to put a real stand in the standard of living.

That's O.K. by us, Fern, but will Ottawa believe it?

A noted British psychologist states that men are losing their individuality and becoming mere copyists. Says he, the result of a questionnaire showed that 98 out of 100 men shaved off their beards simply because other men shaved off theirs. "All of which," snorts Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, "is further proof that men are apes."

All right, Goldie, but when all gals start painting their finger and toe nails, isn't that just more monkey business?

BASHES FROM BARABASH

He is a poor philosopher who cannot answer his own questions.

Do not complain, that you are not wanted. Make yourself needed and you will be wanted. And the way to make yourself needed is to make yourself useful — physically, intellectually and spiritually.

THE ANCHORAGE OF FAITH

Some day, somewhere, somehow,

Today, tomorrow or

A million years from now,

All that my heart yearned for

Shall surely come to me.

Though all around me be

Confusion and despair,

Yet will I trust in Thee —

Eternal Hope most fair.

My own shall come to me.

Let tempests blow their rage,

And furies loose their wrath,

And darkest hell engage

In war across my path —

My own must come to me.

—Volodimir Barabash.

Chuck of Chuckawalla postcards to say: "According to the soap and cosmetic makers, it's no longer necessary to be an embalmer's daughter to be well preserved." Let's soap their claims are true, Chuck.

"You can't grow grey overnight," declares an American scientist. This should do a lot to help the depleted ranks of the teaching profession.

THE SEED SHOP

Here in a quiet and dusty room they lie,

Faded as crumbled stone or

shifting sand,

Forlorn as ashes, shrivelled,

scentless, dry —

Meadows and gardens running

through my hand.

Dead that shall quicken at the

call of Spring,

Sleepers to stir beneath June's

magic kiss,

Though birds pass over, un-

remembering,

And no bee seek here roses

that were his.

In this brown husk, a dale of

hawthorn dreams;

A cedar in this narrow cell is

thrust

That will drink deeply of a

century's streams.

These lilies shall make summer

on my dust.

Here in their safe and simple

house of death,

Sealed in their shells, a million

roses leap;

Here I can blow a garden with

my breath,

And in my hand a forest lies

asleep.

—Muriel Stuart.

According to an Eastern writer the world is going to the dogs. Maybe that's why Albertans are forced to keep theirs tied up.

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My trpudt us in hwr vacarion,
Wgile these damu kews plys
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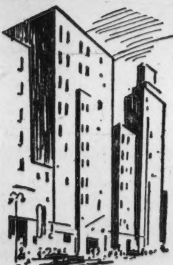
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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET — JULY 31, 1953

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash on hand and with paying agents	\$ 282,590	
Accounts and accruals receivable, less reserves	1,114,317	
Inventories—		
Grain—Stocks of wheat, oats and barley on basis of prices set by The Canadian Wheat Board, and stocks of other grains on basis of market quotations	\$34,591,334	
Twine, coal and sundry merchandise, at cost	1,500,647	
	36,091,981	
Prepaid and deferred charges	575,439	
		\$38,064,327

INVESTMENTS:

Membership and common stocks	\$ 2,002	
(Approximate market value \$44,000)		
Mortgages and agreements of sale	59,322	
		61,324

CAPITAL ASSETS:

Country and terminal elevator properties, printing plant, warehouses and equipment, at cost	\$20,588,028	
Accumulated depreciation	9,927,432	
		10,660,596
		\$48,786,247

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Bank loans—secured	\$16,783,000	
Cheques outstanding, less bank balances	776,884	
Grain cash tickets	10,441,035	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	2,682,777	
Reserve for taxes on income and other taxes accrued	498,223	
Shareholders' dividend payable September 1, 1953	226,031	
Patronage dividend debenture instalment due May 15, 1954	19,837	
		\$31,427,787

PATRONAGE DIVIDEND CREDITS AND DEBENTURES:

Balances of previous years payable on or before May 15 in the following years—Series A (1955) \$153,742; Series B (1956) \$197,622; Series C (1957) \$282,835; Series D (1958) \$307,472; Series E (1968) \$490,657	\$ 1,434,328	
Patronage dividend debentures, 3%—Series 1, maturing in instalments on May 15th annually to 1967, less \$19,837 included in current liabilities	328,452	
Amount set aside for allocation in respect of grain receipts in the 1952-53 fiscal year	975,000	
		2,737,780

FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS:

Authorized	\$ 7,500,000	
Outstanding		
3% Serial bonds, Series A, maturing \$200,000 on December 1 annually 1954 to 1960	\$ 1,400,000	
3% Sinking fund bonds, Series A, maturing December 1, 1970	4,000,000	
		5,400,000

SPECIAL RESERVE:

Reserve against inventory valuations and other contingencies		300,000
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SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:

Capital Stock—		
Class A redeemable preferred shares		
Authorized 325,000 shares, par value \$20 each		
Outstanding 226,031 shares, after redemption of 7,409 shares	\$ 4,520,620	
Class B (membership) shares		
Authorized 200,000 shares, par value \$5 each		
Outstanding 54,990 shares	274,950	
		\$ 4,795,570
During the fiscal year 265 Class A and 973 Class B shares were issued at par, including 13 Class A shares on re-allotment of 52 Class B shares.		
General reserve	2,000,000	
Capital surplus, unchanged during year	170,458	
Earned surplus, per statement attached	1,954,652	
		8,920,680
		\$48,786,247

Signed on behalf of the Board:

J. E. BROWNLEE, Director
R. C. BROWN, Director

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:

We have examined the consolidated balance sheet of United Grain Growers Limited and its subsidiary companies as at July 31, 1953, and the statements of consolidated profit and loss and earned surplus for the year ended on that date, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. Our examination included a general review of the accounting procedures and such tests of accounting records and other supporting evidence as we considered necessary in the circumstances. All our requirements as auditors have been complied with.

In our opinion, the above consolidated balance sheet and statement of consolidated profit and loss and earned surplus are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the combined state of affairs of the companies as at July 31, 1953, and the results of their combined operations for the year ended on that date, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the companies.

Winnipeg, October 19, 1953

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